

IS: INFINITE STRATOS - Chapter 8

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大絶賛発売中!

ICHIKA.

IF YOU
APOLOGIZE
NOW,
I MIGHT
MAKE IT
HURT A
LITTLE
LESS.

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INFINITE STRATOS
IS

MATCHES
SHOULD BE
LIKE THAT.

ITS
SIGNIFICANCE
STARTS FROM
BOTH OPPO-
NENTS DOING
THEIR BEST
FROM THE
START.

I'M ALWAYS
SERIOUS.
I WON'T
DELIBERATELY
GO EASY ON
OTHERS, AND
I DON'T LIKE
OTHERS GOING
EASY ON ME.

HIT ME
WITH
YOUR
BEST
SHOT.

NO,
THANKS.

I DON'T
NEED
ANY
FAVORS
FROM
YOU.

FINE. BUT,
FOR YOUR
INFORMATION,
THE ABSO-
LUTE DE-
FENSE OF THE
IS ISN'T SO
PERFECT.

IF THE
ATTACK IS
POWERFUL
ENOUGH TO
RIP THROUGH
THE SHIELD
ENERGY, IT'S
POSSIBLE TO
DAMAGE
YOUR OPPO-
NENT REAL
BADLY

BUT
NOT KILL
THEM.



BOTH
CONTESTANTS,
YOU MAY NOW
COMMENCE
THE MATCH.



NOT
BAD.
YOU
WERE
ABLE
STOP MY
FIRST
ATTACK.

HOW-
EVER



YOU'RE
TOO
OPEN!



IF THAT
WAS
JUST A
FAINT
JAB,

THEN
THE REAL
THING
COMES
NEXT!

AUGH!



THAT
WAS
JUST A
JAB!



WHAT
WAS
THAT?



THOSE
ARE
CALLED
"IMPACT
CANNONS".

SO, IT'S
A THIRD
GENERATION
MODEL JUST
LIKE MY BLUE
TEARS.

ATMO-
SPHERE
AND THEN
FIRES IT
AS A PRO-
JECTILE.

THEY MAN-
IPULATE
THE BARO-
METRIC
PRESSURE OF THE



I'M
ALREADY
AT 76?
THIS IS
BAD!



I DON'T CARE IF YOU DON'T WIN,

BUT PLEASE ICHIKA, MAKE IT BACK SAFELY.



AN INVISIBLE ATTACK FROM A THIRD-GENERATION MODEL...

ICHIKA'S FIGHTING A ONE-SIDED BATTLE...

WAS I REALLY OF NO USE TO HIM AT ALL?

EVEN THOUGH I SAID IT WAS SPECIAL TRAINING FOR THE CLASS LEAGUE MATCH, ALL I DID WAS NOTHING, NOT HELPING ICHIKA...



HYPER SENSING / VISUAL SEARCH
DETECTING PRESENCE

AND, THE HYPER SENSOR CAN ONLY PICK UP ATMOSPHERIC STRAINS AND MOVEMENTS.

IT'S JUST AS RIN SAID: THOSE SHOTS EARLIER ARE INVISIBLE AND TOUGH TO EVADE.



NOT ONLY THAT, SHE CAN FIRE IT AT ANY DIRECTION SO IT DOESN'T HAVE A BLIND SPOT.

WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW?

IN THE END,

THERE'S NO SENSE IN RUNNING AWAY IF I DON'T KNOW WHERE HER SHOTS IS GOING TO COME NEXT.



GOOD JOB DODGING.

AND TO THINK THAT THE INVISIBLE BARREL AND AMMUNITION IS SUPPOSED TO BE RYUJUHOU'S FEATURES.



YES, THAT'S
AS THE UNIQUE
ABILITY OF THE
YUKIHARA

THE
BARRIER
NULLIFI-
CATION ATTACK?

I ONLY
HAVE THE
YUKIHARA
NIGATA AS
MY
WEAPON
...

THE IS WILL
ACTIVATE ITS
ABSOLUTE
DEFENSE,
WHICH WILL
DRASTICALLY
DEplete THE
SHIELDS.

Y-
YES.

WHAT
WOULD
HAPPEN
THEN, SHI-
NONONO?

NO MATTER HOW
MUCH SHIELD
ENERGY YOUR
OPPONENT HAS,
IT CAN CUT
THROUGH THE
SHIELD AND PASS
DAMAGE DIRECTLY
TO THE BODY.

WHAT
WOULD

CHIFUYU-
NEE DO IN
A SITUA-
TION LIKE
THIS?

BY SACRIFICING
ITS OWN
SHIELD
ENERGY IN
EXCHANGE TO
PERFORM THE
MOST POWER-
FUL ATTACK.
TRULY, A
DOUBLE-
EDGED ABILITY.

"REIRAKU
BYAKUYA"

SHE WAS THE
GRAND CHAMPION
OF MONDO
GROSSO, THE IN-
TERNATIONAL IS
TOURNAMENT THAT
IS HELD ONCE
EVERY THREE
YEARS.

MEANING, SHE
WAS THE BEST
IN THE WHOLE
WORLD AND
STRONGER
THAN ANYONE
ELSE.

YET, SHE
MASTERED
THIS ONE-
OFF ABILITY
AND ENDED
UP BEING
RENOWNED
WORLDWIDE.

IT WAS LARGELY
BECAUSE OF
THIS ONE ABILITY
EXACTLY.
THAT I WAS
ONCE THE BEST
IN THE WORLD.
HOWEVER, THAT
SAME ABILITY...

CHIFUYU-
NEE SAID
THOSE
WORDS AS
IF IT WAS
NOTHING.



Haa

RIN IS
SO
STRONG!

AND THAT
STRONG
RESOLVE
ALONE IS
WHAT
GIVES ME
HOPE IN
THIS
UPHILL
BATTLE.

Haaa

Haaa

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ALL I'VE
GOT IS THE
WILL TO NOT
GIVE IN.

COMPARED TO
MY SISTER,
I'M NOTHING
MORE THAN A
FAILURE THAT
IS BEST LEFT
FORGOTTEN.



I HAVE
PEOPLE
FIGHT-
ING
ALONG-
SIDE
ME!

I'M
NOT
HERE
ALONE.

IF THIS
WAS JUST
ME, THIS
WILL BE
IMPOSSIBLE.
BUT I'M
NOT!

HOUKI, NOT
ONLY
INSTILLED
IN ME THE
SKILLS OF
USING THE
SWORD,
BUT ALSO
TEMPERED
MY SPIRIT.

IN
LESS
THAN A
MONTH,
CECILIA
TAUGHT
ME THE
BASICS
OF IS

AND
USING THE
IGNITION
BOOST, AN
ESSENTIAL
SKILL IN
CLOSING
THE GAP IN
BATTLE.



A
MYSTERIOUS
CRASH SMASHES
THROUGH THE
INTENSE MATCH!?!

Chapter 8 - Decisive Battle! The Class League Match
Part I

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LOOK
OUT!

High Energy Reaction
High Output Beam

Unidentified
IS detected.

Locked on
confirmed.



C-COME
ON NOW,
YOU
JERK!

QUIT
TRASHING
AROUND.

LET
GO
OF
ME!



AND IT HAS
A HIGHER
POWER
OUTPUT
THAN
CECILIA'S
IS.

A BEAM
WEAPON?



HERE IT
COMES!



STOP
HITTING
ME, WILL
YOU!

S-SHUT
UP!
SHUT
UP!
SHUT
UP!

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JUST
WHERE
ARE YOU
TOUCH-
ING---



WHICH MEANS THAT IF THERE'S NO ONE TO STOP IT, THERE'S A CHANCE THAT IT WILL ATTACK THE PEOPLE WHO WERE WATCHING.

THAT IS WAS! POWERFUL ENOUGH TO BREAK THROUGH THE ARENA'S BARRIER.

Orimura-kun! Huang-san! You need to vacate the arena at once! The teachers will be there soon with their IS units to neutralize the situation!

NO, WE HAVE TO KEEP IT OCCUPIED UNTIL EVERYBODY ESCAPES.

YOU OKAY WITH THIS, RIN?

ANYWAY, JUST LET ME GO! I CAN'T MOVE IF I'M LIKE THIS, YOU KNOW!

W-WHO DO YOU THINK YOU'RE TALKING TO?

A "FULL SKIN" IS? I'VE NEVER HEARD OF THAT.

Full Skin

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THAT'S YOUR ONLY WEAPON, RIGHT?

ICHIKA,
HOW ABOUT YOU GOING HEAD-TO-HEAD COMBAT WITH IT WHILE I COVER YOU USING MY IMPACT CANNONS.

YES, IT IS.

OKAY, LET'S GO.

HEH. LOOKS LIKE IT'S ALL FIRED UP.

No, you can't just do that, Orimura-kun! If something bad happens...

YOU SAID IT.



W-What
!?

How can
you say
that,
Orimura-
sensei!

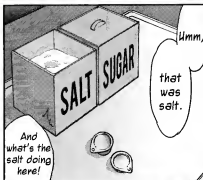
THEY THEM-
SELVES SAID
THAT THEY'LL
TAKE CARE
OF IT, RIGHT?
SO, LET'S
JUST LET
THEM DO IT.



Huang-
san,
answer
me!

Orimura-
kun?

You can
still hear
me,
right?



Umm,

that
was
salt.

And
what's the
salt doing
here!



EVERY PATH IN
THE ARENA HAS
BEEN BLOCKED
RIGHT NOW
BECAUSE OF
THE UNKNOWN
MACHINE.

SO, WE'LL
HAVE TO
COUNT ON
THOSE TWO
TO DEFEAT
IT.

CALM
DOWN

AND
HAVE
SOME
COFFEE.

YOU'RE
ONLY
STRESSING
OUT BE-
CAUSE YOUR
BODY'S
RUNNING LOW
IN SUGAR.



I see! You were
so worried
about your
brother that you
committed a
simple mistake

O-OH.

BUT, THE
LABELS
AREN'T
THAT BIG
ENOUGH.



YOU'RE MY
STUDENT.

IT WOULD BE
QUITE TROUBLING
IF I SEND SOME-
ONE I HAVEN'T
TAUGHT ANYTHING
YET. NOT TO MEN-
TION, THERE ARE
SO MANY SO MANY
WAYS THAT YOU'D FAIL.

HAVE YOU HAD
YOUR SQUAD-
BASED TRAIN-
ING BEFORE?
WHAT POSI-
TION DID YOU
ASSUME?

W
H
A
T
?!

I WOULD
NEVER!

NO.

YOU WILL
NOT JOIN
THEM. OR
RATHER,
YOU'LL JUST
BE IN THE
WAY.

GOOD
THEN

I, TOO,
DON'T
WANT TO
LOSE ANY
OF MY
STUDENTS

I, I UN-
DERSTAND.



WAIT.

WHERE DID
SHINO-
MONO-SAN
GO?





THIS IS
REAL
BAD... MY
SHIELD
ENERGY'S
DOWN TO
60%.

NOT TO
MENTION,
THE
THRUSTER
OUTPUT
ON THAT
IS, IS AB-
NORMALLY
POWERFUL.

NO
MATTER
HOW RIN
TRIES TO
DISTRACT
IT, IT STILL
MANAGES
TO AVOID
ALL OF MY
ATTACKS.



AIM
THAT
THING
PROPER-
LY!

ICHIKA,
YOU
BLOCK-
HEAD!

HEY,
I AM
AWING!



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THAT
THING!

IS IT
GOING
AFTER
HOUKI
NOW?

PLEASE
MAKE
THROUGH
THIS
ALIVE...

ICHIKA
—



HEY YOU
STUPID
JERK!

WHAT DO
YOU THINK
YOU'RE
DOING?
OUT OF
THE WAY!

DO IT
NOW,
RIN!

JUST
SHOOT,
DAMNIT!



AND DON'T
FORGET
TO GO
FULL
POWER!

YEAH



FINE!

JUST
DON'T
BLAME
ME
AFTER-
WARDS!



WITH THE
HELP OF
THE IGNI-
TION BOOST,
RIN'S
IMPACT
CANNON
PUSHING
ME...



AND
PROPEL-
LING
MYSELF



I
REALLY
HAVE TO
GO
EVEN
FASTER!

THAT
THING'S
JUST
GONNA
DODGE
ME! I
RELY
JUST ON
THE IGNI-
TION
BOOST.

EVERY-
ONE.

I WILL
PROTECT
THEM.

CHIFUYU-NEE.

HOUKI.

RIN.

I WILL
DEFI-
NITELY
PRO-
TECT
THEM
ALL!



I'M
DEFINITELY
SURE THAT
SHINONONO-
SAN HAS RAN
BACK TO
WHERE ICHIKA-
SAN IS.

THIS IS THE FEEL-
ING OF WANTING TO
BE THERE FOR THE
ONE YOU LOVE DE!
SPITE THE DANGER

NO
DOUBT
ABOUT
IT.



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BACK THEN,
HE DISO-
BEYED YOUR
ORDERS
JUST SO HE
CAN SAVE ME.

PLEASE FOR-
GIVE ME,
ORIMURA-
SENSEI.

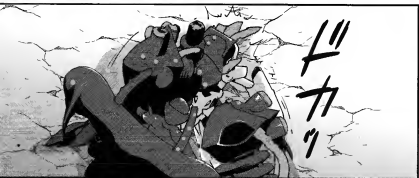
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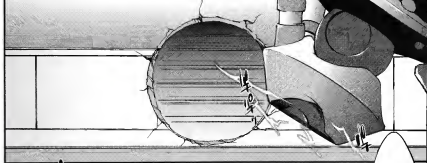


THIS TIME,
I'LL BE THE
ONE WHO WILL
KEEP YOU
AWAY FROM
HARM USING MY
BLUE TEARS!

WAIT FOR
ME, ICHIKA-
SAN.







THE
ARENA'S
BARRIERS
HAVE BEEN
DESTROYED.

WITH THIS,
YOU CAN
NOW ESCAPE
IF YOU WANT
TO.

BESIDES,



IT ALSO
MEANS
A WAY
IN HAS
BEEN
MADE!

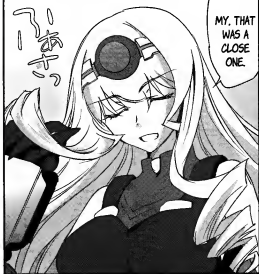
IF A WAY
OUT HAS
BEEN
MADE,





LIMIT-
ERS OFF.

STAR-
LIGHT
MKII
FULL
POWER!



MY, THAT
WAS A
CLOSE
ONE.



I
KNEW
YOU'D
COME
THROUGH
IN TIME,
CECILIA.



ICHIKA.

GLAD
TO SEE
YOU'RE



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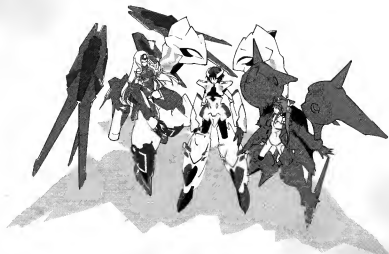


WHY
CAN'T I
BE
THERE?

WILL
I...

WILL I
ALWAYS
JUST BE
WATCHING
ICHIKA ON
THE SIDE-
LINES?

WHY?





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ICHIKA

BEHIND
YOU!

IS THERE
NOTHING
THAT CAN
BE DONE
ABOUT
THIS?